REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(presented Wednesday, April 12th and approved Thursday 13th)

The Programme Committee, composed of Messrs. Bornheim, Rotondi and Sneyers assisted by Dr. Plenderleith and Mr. de Varine-Bohan, met on Tuesday April 11 at 9 p.m. and on Wednesday April 12 when Messrs. Daifuku and Gazzola were also present. It had received four written propositions.

It recommended to the Assembly the insertion of the following measures in Document AG4/4.

To point 1.1.a), add the following text:

"Faced with the impossibility of simultaneously carrying through with existing personnel the coordination work relating to international aid to Florence and Venice as well as putting into operation the great number of projects contained in the ordinary programme of the Centre, a Scientific Assistant will be recruited for the duration of the engagement of the Centre in the Florence/Venice Campaign. He will be paid from the fund allotted to the Centre by UNESCO (see Annex 1 of Doc. AG4/4)."

To point 2.1.b), add the following text:

"Diffusion of photocopies of documentation on request and in accordance with procedure to be established by Council".

(proposition, Mexico)

To point 2.3.b), add:

"and organisation of meetings of specialists among others with ICOM and ICOMOS ............. $4,500"

(proposition, ICOMOS)
To point 2.4., add a paragraph before par. a) as follows:

"Publication and annual diffusion of brochures on the training courses organised by the Centre or under its aegis, containing the programmes and the conditions of admission to lectures".

(proposition, ICOM)

To point 2.4. a), suppress the final phrase; add mention of the participation of Italy. Besides this, the Committee expresses the wish that English should be used equally as a working language.

(proposition, ICOM)

To point 2.4. after par. d), for a more developed programme retain the proposition previously made:

"Organisation of courses of short duration in Rome for the benefit of restorers and museologists studying in Europe".

Add then the following:

"Participation and the organisation of regional seminars in countries desiring the same, each of these seminars being preceded, if possible, by a "mission d'information" carried out in the region by a delegate of the Centre. The organisation of a seminar of this type might be envisaged first of all in Latin America".

(proposition, Mexico)

"A specialist appointed by the Centre will make a study in the interests of Latin America and in correspondence with industry, of the most efficacious procedures to adopt in combating the degradation of wood".

(proposition, Belgium)

The Committee accepts the proposition advanced by Messrs. Bazin and Vunjak underlining the importance of giving full weight to the study of the theoretical aspects of conservation in the training of students by the Centre. A special course of training in criticism for museum men and for conservators should be introduced in the training programmes of the Centre.

In the same way, it is desirable that the Centre should publish a work on the theory of restoration, dealing with the history of restoration, the basic principles and the methodology of the subject.

To point 2.5. b), add to the title "Laboratory Work", the words "Coordination and Cooperation".

To point 2.6., place as an introduction the following text:
"In order to allow for attending further joint meetings and to make possible the working out of the systematic programme of "missions d'information" that is considered to be indispensable for establishing plans of action in accordance with the needs of the Member States; and in view of the increasing number of international meetings, it is recommended that the Centre should reduce as found possible, the number of its delegates attending meetings".

The following paragraphs should be inserted between pars. a) and b):

"It is recommended that a "mission d'information" in Tropical Africa in 1968 be carried out in conjunction with that of ICOM. The mission will mark the beginning of a series of planned contacts on a regional basis".

(proposition, Belgium)

Add at the end of point 2.6., the following text:

"As is the practice in UNESCO, it is expected that States that benefit from Centre missions should contribute to the running costs".

"In order to exploit each mission to the best advantage the final report will be distributed by agreement with the State concerned and the Council".

Besides this, the Committee recommends the Assembly to take into consideration the request coming from Iraq and Lebanon that would associate the Centre with the study of the development of future national centres planned in Baghdad for the conservation of monuments and other cultural property and at Beyrouth for the conservation of bronzes (construction, furnishing, apparatus, programme).

The Committee believes that the sequential arrangement in document AG4/4 is well developed, items being in order of increasing importance and expresses the hope that this arrangement will be maintained not only in the present two year programme, but also in planning for future developments.

The Committee thanks the Director for the good work done in elaborating doc. AG4/4, which for the first time has enabled a profitable discussion to take place in the Assembly and in the Programme Committee and so, without modifying essentials, has made it possible to incorporate the propositions of Member States in the programme, stressing at the same time with increased precision the basic principles governing the activities of the Centre."